(b) whether the Central Government had discussed the issue with the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) whether Government had any objection to the presentation of the reports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) There is no restriction on the State Government or on the Legislative Assembly of J&K to consider and discuss the issue.

Central rehabilitation programme for surrendered Rebels of NE

*47. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the Central Rehabilitation Programme for the surrendered rebels of the North-Eastern States launched in April, 1998;

(b) the amount spent by the Central Government on the Rehabilitation Programme so far and the number of rebels trained; and

(c) the number of those provided with jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per latest information available, 2100 militants have surrendered under this scheme.

(b) The Central Government has so far spent Rs. 1.50 crores under this scheme. 437 surrendered militants have been trained/undergoing training under this scheme.

(c) Eligible surrendered militants are encouraged to apply for jobs in the State Police/Central Para Military Forces.

Release of persons detained under TADA in Punjab

*48. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: